

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-21-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY LICENSING PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENT CHILD CARE PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 04-49

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWD) of a new Title IV-E funding opportunity for a Foster Parent Child Care program. ACL 04-49 dated January 31, 2005, notified counties that Senate Bill (SB) 1612 (Chapter 845, Statutes of 2004), amended Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 11410 to allow counties to fund child care for foster family home providers on the condition that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) obtain a federally approved amended California Title IV-E State Plan.

On March 17, 2005, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services issued a letter to the CDSS advising the Department that pursuant to the issuance of recent federal policy clarification, it is no longer necessary for California to request a State Plan amendment in order to claim reimbursement of Federal Title IV-E funding for child care expenses of foster parents. Subsequently, the CDSS has requested budgetary authority to pass through Federal Title IV-E funds for counties to implement a child care program for foster parents at county option.

The CDSS is currently working with counties to establish the program parameters of California's Foster Parent Child Care Program. CDSS will seek to provide maximum county flexibility, and compatibility with current State child care protocols and Title IV-E funding conditions. When the requirements have been established, the CDSS will issue detailed program and claiming instructions for the Foster Parent Child Care Program. Counties may not submit claims for federal funds until these additional instructions are released.

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

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If you have any questions regarding this ACIN and the use of Federal Title IV-E funds, please contact your Foster Care Funding and Eligibility Consultant at (916) 657-1912. For information regarding implementation of the Foster Parent Child Care Program, contact the Foster Care Services Support Bureau at (916) 651-7465.

Sincerely,

GLENN FREITAS, Chief  
Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch

c: CWDA